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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: Not Yet Assigned

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FOR: TASTED MASKED VETERINARY SOLID COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP03/02446. The deadline for filing this application is September 11, 2004 and this application is being filed on or before that date. As such, this application is being filed timely.

Enclosed please find this Preliminary Amendment, an IDS, Form PTO-1449, and an unsigned Declaration. Also enclosed is a Transmittal Sheet and Application Data sheet.

Attached are Amendments to the Claims and Specification, followed by Remarks section.